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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE BELOW. PLEASE FORWARD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SEMINAR OR ATTENDEES.

2. ADDITIONAL DETAILS PROVIDED REF A WERE MUCH APPRECIATED. CHECKS OF AGENCY INDICES DID NOT TURN UP A JOHN NEWMAN AS A CURRENT STAFFER. HAVING ONLY JOHN NEWMAN'S NAME, AS PROVIDED BY THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, WAS INSUFFICIENT TO RUN A MEANINGFUL CHECK OF OTHER INDICES AND PERSONNEL RECORDS.

3. FABIAN ((ESCALANTE)) FONT (201-969899) LAST SURFACED PUBLICALLY AT THE JANUARY 91 (ANTIGUA) AND JANUARY 92 (HAVANA) CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS CONFERENCES. AN NC/WASHINGTON ASSET WHO ATTENDED THE 91 CONFERENCE AND SPOKE WITH ESCALANTE WAS TOLD BY HIM THAT HE (ESCALANTE) BELIEVED THAT 'SOME ELEMENTS OF THE CIA OPERATIONAL ARM' IN COMBINATION WITH THE MAFIA WERE RESPONSIBLE
*FOR THE<ASSASSINATION>OF<PRESIDENT KENNEDY.> ESCALANTE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE CIA ACTED ON ITS OWN. ESCALANTE'S CURRENT POSITION IS UNCLEAR. HE ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE AS A PCC-CC MEMBER. A DEFECTOR NOTED HIM AS A FORMER CHIEF OF MININT'S POLITICAL SECTION WHO WAS BRIEFLY CHIEF OF THE DCI FOLLOWING ABRANTES' DISMISSAL AND WHO IS NOW WRITING MININT UNIT HISTORIES. ESCALANTE ALSO TOLD THE ASSET THAT HE WAS HEAD OF THE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SECTOR/CHIEF OF COUNTERESPIONAGE FOR THE US AT THE TIME OF THE MISSILE CRISIS, AND THAT HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERROGATING ALL SUSPECT CIA AGENTS DURING THE 1960'S.

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4. ANY INFORMATION BASE CAN OBTAIN ON THE SEMINAR AGENDA AND ATTENDEES AND WHAT PROMPTED THE HOLDING OF THE SEMINAR BY JOSE LISBOA DA ((GAMA MALCHER)) WOULD BE OF INTEREST IN EVALUATING THE CUBAN HAND AND INTENT. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER AGEE OR ANY OF HIS ILK PLAN TO ATTEND AND THE MEANING OF SROULEVICH'S STATEMENT REGARDING CUBAN CI OFFICERS' 'PARALLEL CONTACTS' WITH CIA OFFICIALS EXPECTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE.

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